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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director/OSA

SUBJECT: Project ARGON
Follow-on Program

1. IN cable 37336 dated 30 November 1982 from the MAO to SSB, info OSA, indicates that the DNEO has expressed interest in a follow on to Project ARGON. DNEO has directed Director, Program 16N to evaluate the proposal and prepare a presentation for DNEO. It is further noted that the cable indicated that if this new program is approved, "it would be managed in the same manner as LANYARD."

2. Since, undoubtedly, this Branch will have operational security responsibility for this new program it is felt essential that we be kept informed from the outset as to the developing nature of the program. Noting that the DNEO is interested in launch at the end of the summer of the calendar year 1983, it is imperative that Security be apprised as to the scope of Security clearances which will be required, the companies which will participate in the program, the management and operational concept.

3. As soon as the position of the Agency with regard to this proposed system is defined, this Branch would appreciate being apprised.

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Chief, Security Branch
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